

Tuesday, January 31st, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *F. E. H. James*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, seconded by Mr. *Richter*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules be suspended to permit the moving of the following motion without notice:—

That the matter of the construction of the Cassiar-Stewart Road from Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, to its present terminus in the vicinity of Dease Lake be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* moved, seconded by Mr. *Richter*,—

That the matter of the construction of the Cassiar-Stewart Road from Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, to its present terminus in the vicinity of Dease Lake be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved that the question be now put.

Motion agreed to.

Upon the previous question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Cecil Walter Goodrich, George Henry Biddle, Samuel Garvin, Stephen Raymer, Alfred Molineux Lester, Robert Pollock

Bingham, Robert Brade, James Miller McNab, and Francis Drewe Pratt, all of the Province of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the North West Life Assurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Reginald Hook, Norman Ferriere, Ernest Tratch, Athole Black, George Sheline, Robert Burns, Neil MacDonald, Marvin Johnson, Alfred E. Perry, Malcolm Grant, and Morrison Cranston, all of the City of Kamloops, Province of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Kamloops Exhibition Association" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That, while the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Peter Dawson Gordon, Lyon H. Appleby, John Boyd, and Jack Diamond, all of the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Lansdowne Park Limited" have not been complied with in respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House, within the time required, of the petition, copy of the Bill, and requisite fees and in respect of proof of advertising, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Rules be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Canadian Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That in respect of the petition of John R. Lakes, as agent of the British Columbia and Northwestern States Command of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia and Northwestern States Command and Branches of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League" Standing Orders 98 (1) and 100 have not been complied with in the following respects:—

- (1) The affidavit submitted in proof of publication of notices disclosed only one publication of notice in The British Columbia Gazette.
- (2) The said affidavit does not include proof, to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the House, of publication of notice in any daily newspaper.

The Committee recommends that the petitioner be not allowed to proceed with the Bill, and further recommends that the sum of \$300, deposited by way of fees, be refunded. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*,—

Whereas the Department of Labour has under its administration the "Indian Inquiry Act":

And whereas there would appear to be a need for improving housing, welfare, and health conditions among the native Indians of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be directed to consult any persons or organizations concerned or affected by this matter and that the Select Standing Committee on Labour, while taking into consideration Federal jurisdiction over such matters, nevertheless, make recommendations in respect thereto.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Gregory* moved that the question be now put.

Motion agreed to.

Upon the previous question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the Director of Provincial Mental Health Services for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1955.

The Report of the Civil Service Commission, Province of British Columbia, from January 1st to December 31st, 1955.

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What action is being taken to prevent the proposed freight increase on feed-grains sought by the railways?
2. Has the Government made any study of the advantages or otherwise of a Provincial subsidy as paid by other Provinces?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

"1. The Provincial Government has retained counsel to oppose the proposal of the Board of Transport Commissioners to increase by 10 per cent the domestic grain freight rates in British Columbia; our counsel has succeeded in having the hearing of the Board of Transport Commissioners on this matter of feed-grain freight-rate increase adjourned to the City of Vancouver where the hearings will be held some time in February; at that

time it is our intention to ask that no increase be made and that the present rate be reduced.

"2. As there is no subsidy paid on feed-grain in any Province of Canada, it is not possible to make a study of the payment of such subsidies by the Province as implied in this question."

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. In 1955 how many thousands of cases of 30 dozen each of eggs were imported from California and other United States points and how many thousands of cases were brought in from other Canadian Provinces?

2. In 1955 how many millions of pounds of butter entered the Province from other Canadian Provinces?

3. In 1955 how many car-lots of vegetables from the United States entered the Province for consumption and what additional tonnage came in by truck?

4. In 1955 what poundage of beef and pork came in from other Provinces for consumption here?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

"1. From the United States, 12,439 cases; from other Canadian Provinces, 71,283 cases; production in British Columbia for 1955, estimated at 808,535 cases.

"2. Final figures for 1955 are not yet available; it is estimated that approximately 17,500,000 pounds of butter were imported; in 1954, total of 17,135,000 pounds of butter were imported from other Provinces in Canada; in last year for which complete information is available, 1954, British Columbia produced 7,099,000 pounds of butter, an increase of 1,633,000 pounds over 1953.

"3. The figures dealing with importation of vegetables from the United States to British Columbia in 1955 will not be available for some time yet; in 1954, importations consisted of 23,429 tons of potatoes and 40,594 tons of other vegetables; in 1953 British Columbia produced 101,700 tons of potatoes, and in 1954, 86,280 tons; heavy imports of American potatoes, encouraged by inequitable tariff structure, reduced prices of British Columbia potatoes to a point where production was effectively discouraged; similarly, vegetable production of 88,599 tons in British Columbia in 1953 was almost 20,000 tons lower in 1954.

"4. Figures showing imports of beef and pork from other Provinces in Canada during the year 1955 are not yet available; in 1954 imports consisted of 51,571,200 pounds of beef and 59,390,700 pounds of pork."

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Was the Minister of Agriculture provided with a copy of the brief presented by Dr. A. B. Kidd, Provincial Veterinarian, before the Royal Commission on the Milk Industry, March 16th, 1955, in which Dr. Kidd drew to the Commissioner's attention the very unsatisfactory production conditions on some dairy-farms?

2. If so, why was inspection action not taken immediately and, if not, is it not unusual for a public servant to present such a brief before such a Commission without first acquainting his Minister?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. The brief referred to was prepared by Dr. W. R. Gunn, Chief Veterinary Inspector, in whose absence on vacation and on whose instructions it was presented by Dr. A. B. Kidd; it is unusual and contrary to established practice for a public servant to present such a brief before a Commission without first acquainting his Minister of its contents."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1st, 1956.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *F. E. M. Tomalin*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the North West Life Assurance Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Kamloops Exhibition Association.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate Lansdowne Park Limited.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1954–55 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1957;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1956;

Schedule A. Sums granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1955, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 31st, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Webster*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

Thursday, February 2nd, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Eaves*.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Aid Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Aid Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gasoline Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1st, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gasoline Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibbs*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Howard* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That the Standing Orders be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills with a view to their revision.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour and management organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear further representations and report its findings to this House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General) presented the following papers:—

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1955.

The Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months' Period ended September 30th, 1955.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. School bonds, face value \$8,000,000, were stated by the Minister of Education to have been marketed a few days before September 28th, 1955: What is the maturity date of those bonds?
2. Are they serials or sinking fund bonds?
3. Were these bonds sold in the American market?
4. Are these bonds payable in Canadian funds?
5. Are these bonds callable?
6. What is the coupon rate?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. September 15th, 1956, to September 15th, 1975.
- “ 2. Serial.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Yes.
- “ 5. No.
- “ 6. Three and one-quarter per cent.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Was there an interruption of service at the Spillimacheen power plant of the British Columbia Power Commission in November and, if so, what caused the interruption, what action has been taken to rectify the situation, and has service been resumed to all customers, including Giant Mascot?
2. Were supplementary diesel units brought in and, if so, where obtained and what was the total cost of the interruption?
3. Were the engineers' reports unanimous on the efficacy of this plant when the Premier announced its construction in 1952?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; frazil or anchor ice resulting from an abnormally early period of low temperature which occurred before the river had developed a protective ice cover plugged the intake to the power-house; additional air-bubbling equipment is being installed and some additional electric heating with an emergency power-supply has been provided at the intake; yes.

“ 2. Yes; two portable sets owned by the Commission, from Canal Flats and Bugaboo construction; one set from the Commission's plant at Clinton; two rented sets, one from General Machinery Company and one from Finning Tractor & Equipment Company; \$22,501.

“ 3. The engineers' reports were unanimous on the efficacy of this plant.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. In the last twelve consecutive months' period for which figures are conveniently available, what total sum of tax was paid pursuant to the “Amusements Tax Act”?
2. What percentage of that sum was paid in respect of (a) moving pictures, (b) symphony concerts, (c) performances put on for charity, and (d) other types of amusement?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. In the twelve months ended December 31st, 1955, \$2,040,634.96.

“ 2. (a) Moving pictures, 70 per cent (estimated); (b) symphony concerts, *nil*; (c) and (d) not known.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Since its inception, what was the return in each fiscal year of the tax now commonly known as the Provincial sales tax?
2. Of the total in each year, (a) how much came from retail sales and (b) how much from industrial installation?
3. Since April 1st, 1955, what sum has been recovered from sales tax in arrears?
4. How many firms were found in arrears, how many years is the survey reviewing, and was legal action taken against any firms?
5. How many employees are engaged in arrears work, and what instructions are given them other than an arbitrary formula based on experience in similar lines of business, after spot checks?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 1948–49, \$14,335,119.48; 1949–50, \$24,625,370.25; 1950–51, \$28,843,-604.40; 1951–52, \$31,462,240.01; 1952–53, \$34,279,238.90; 1953–54, \$35,466,-768.64; and 1954–55, \$55,178,473.68.
- “ 2. Not known.
- “ 3. April 1st, 1955, to December 31st, 1955, \$891,847.85.
- “ 4. From April 1st, 1955, to December 31st, 1955, 2,396; since the inception of the Act, on purchases for the firms' own use and for three years on sales; yes.
- “ 5. Fifty-nine; they are given detailed instructions in accordance with recognized auditing and investigational procedures.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. During 1955, what total interest was paid on bonds in respect of Road and Bridge Toll Authority and from what funds were these interest charges paid?
2. Are the receipts from Lions Gate kept in a separate fund to retire the indebtedness on this single structure or are they to be considered in a merged Burrard Inlet fund and to be applied to discharge the obligation of the proposed Second Narrows Bridge?
3. Have any receipts from Lions Gate Bridge been used by the Toll Authority for any purpose other than maintenance of the bridge itself or retirement of its own indebtedness?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Revenues from Lions Gate, \$121,875.
- “ 2 and 3. Net revenues applicable to projects within Burrard Inlet system; see page 250, Public Accounts.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the volume of gasoline coloured purple sold in the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1954 and 1955?
2. What commissions were paid to vendors of gasoline coloured purple in the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1954 and 1955?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Year ended March 31st, 1954, 101,079,193 gallons (includes diesel oil used for purposes of internal-combustion engines which is included in the definition of 'gasoline' contained in the 'Coloured Gasoline Tax Act'); and year ended March 31st, 1955, 106,984,626 gallons (includes diesel oil used for purposes of internal-combustion engines which is included in the definition of 'gasoline' contained in the 'Coloured Gasoline Tax Act').

“ 2. Year ended March 31st, 1954, \$100,984.05, and year ended March 31st, 1955, \$106,853.01.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has a contract been let for the clearing of Buttle Lake and, if so, when, to whom, and what payment is to be made?
2. Has clearing started yet?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; October 13th, 1955; Trethewey Logging Company Limited and Cattermole Timber Limited; \$4,599,444, subject to additions and subtractions on the basis of fixed unit prices.

“ 2. Yes.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Have any contracts been let on the construction of the Blueberry-Paulson Highway?
2. If so, (a) for what amounts, (b) what is the mileage in each case, (c) were tenders called in each case, (d) if not, why not, and (e) to whom were the contracts awarded?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. One contract—Project No. 668.

“ 2. (a) \$674,271.90, (b) 6.53 miles, (c) yes, (d) *see* (c), and (e) P. F. Law Construction Limited, Vancouver, B.C.”

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Did the Minister of Highways, while he was Minister of Public Works, receive a letter dated February 25th, 1955, from the member for Skeena relative to intended highway work in Skeena Electoral District?
2. If so, what reply, if any, was given to this letter?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Acknowledged April 7th, 1955.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. In the last fiscal year for which records are available, what percentage of gasoline tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?
2. What percentage of sales tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Not known.

“ 2. 15.54 per cent.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. How many automobiles are owned by the Province of British Columbia?
2. How many of these automobiles have been equipped with safety-belts?
3. What was the average cost per automobile of installing safety-belts?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Eight hundred and eighty-seven.

“ 2. Five hundred and seventy-three sets issued.

“ 3. Fourteen dollars and fifty cents, including cost of belt and installation charges.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Have any contracts been let on the construction of the Salmo-Creston Cut-off?
2. If so, (a) for what amounts, (b) what is the mileage in each case, (c) were tenders called in each case, and (d) to whom were the contracts awarded?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
“ 2. See No. 1.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the volume of gasoline exempted from tax under the “ Highway Development Act ” (1950) during the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1954, and March 31st, 1955?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ No gasoline is exempted from tax under the ‘ Highway Development Act,’ 1950.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Friday, February 3rd, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *E. Foreman*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report submitted in accordance with Section 53 of the “ Administration Act,” “ Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948,” of Returns by Official Administrators of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them from January 1st, 1955, to December 31st, 1955.

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Who are the new dairy-farm inspectors appointed by the Department?
2. How many of these men have had practical dairy-farm experience?
3. Since their appointment, how many farms have been denied access to the retail market?
4. What is the total daily production from these farms?
5. In cases of disallowance, did the inspectors check with the receiving-station in matters of previous experience of cleanliness and bacteria count?
6. If so, was their action confirmed or otherwise?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ 1. William H. Burr, John C. Collins, Kenneth G. Fletcher, A. L. Kirkby, Robert J. McDonald, Walter A. Cleaver, John V. Farrow, James T. Godfrey, and Bruce R. Stewart.

“ 2. All.

“ 3. On receipt of recommendations from the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture following inspections of dairy-farm premises, eighty-four licences to ship milk for fluid consumption have been suspended by the Milk Board between December 28th, 1955, and January 31st, 1956.

“ 4. The total daily production of those farms is not available; they have, however, an average daily quota of 40 pounds of milk to the fluid market.

“ 5. Checking against previous record of milk quality at receiving-stations is incomplete.

“ 6. The milk from sixteen of these premises was not up to fluid-milk standards when it arrived at the receiving-station.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many people were recipients of compensation for silicosis during the years 1951 to 1955 respectively?

2. How many of those recipients died during the years 1951 to 1955 respectively?

3. How many applications for silicosis pension under the “ Workmen’s Compensation Act ” were (a) granted and (b) rejected during the years 1951 to 1955 respectively?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1951, 268; 1952, 286; 1953, 300; 1954, 315; and 1955, 326.

“ 2. 1951, 18; 1952, 19; 1953, 19; 1954, 24; and 1955, 19.

“ 3. (a) 1951, 26; 1952, 37; 1953, 33; 1954, 39; and 1955, 30; and (b) 1951, 24; 1952, 17; 1953, 42; 1954, 47; and 1955, 37; some of the claims shown as rejected in the years 1951 to 1955 because the workman’s condition was then not disabling may eventually be allowed if the workman becomes disabled.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o’clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Monday, February 6th, 1956.

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. E. Dunn*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Collection Agents’ Licensing Act ’ ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Howard* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That the Standing Orders be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills with a view to their revision.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That Mr. *R. O. Newton* and Mr. *Randolph Harding* be named members of the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,—

That Mr. *R. O. Newton* and Mr. *Randolph Harding* be named members of the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* (Minister of Railways) presented the Annual Report of the Operations and Activities of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Did the Department receive notice of the collapse of a portion of the bridge over the Fraser River between Mission and Matsqui during 1955?
2. If so, on what date did such collapse occur?
3. To what defect, if any, was such collapse attributed?
4. (a) Has the Department a record of river gauge readings for each of fourteen days prior to such collapse and (b) if so, what were the readings?
5. (a) Was adequate inspection of the timbers of such bridge made prior to such collapse and (b) if so, on what dates and by whom?
6. (a) Did any inspection disclose dangerous conditions and (b) if so, what steps, if any, were taken to remedy any defects?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. July 24th, 1955.
- “ 3. Scour in river-bed caused one pier to sink and overturn into the river taking one span with it.
- “ 4, 5, and 6. This bridge is owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Department only has running rights over it by agreement with the railway company.”

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. To what extent is the Masset-Port Clements Road completed?
2. How much has been spent on the construction of the above road to date?
3. How many miles remain to be constructed and what is the estimated cost thereof?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Thirty-five per cent completed; nine miles have been built.
- “ 2. \$83,269.
- “ 3. Seventeen miles; estimated cost, \$170,000.”

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of the survey, if one was made, into the Kitimat-Terrace Highway?
2. What portion of this cost, if any, was paid by the Aluminum Company of Canada?
3. What is the estimated cost of building this highway, and when is it expected that construction will be completed?
4. Of the estimated cost, what portion, if any, is to be paid by parties other than the Provincial Government?
5. What are the names of the parties referred to in No. 4, and how much of the cost is each to pay?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. A survey was made from Lakelse to Kitimat (a total distance of 24.4 miles) at a cost of \$66,016.51.
- “ 2. Fifty per cent of the above cost was paid by the Aluminum Company of Canada.
- “ 3. Estimated cost of construction of the 24.4 miles is approximately \$2,000,000 for roadway (not including asphalt paving) and approximately \$850,000 for bridges; completion date not set.
- “ 4. Provincial Government to pay cost.
- “ 5. Answered by No. 4.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has the Province been recently divided into compartments for administrative purposes?
2. If so, how many compartments are there?
3. Where is the headquarters of the compartment in which Vancouver Island is located?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Reorganization of Department in process.
- “ 2. Four.
- “ 3. Not yet determined.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Was the Fraser Canyon section of the Trans-Canada Highway closed to traffic at any time during 1955 and, if so, on what dates?
2. Was Highway No. 3 closed to traffic between Hope and Princeton at any time during 1955 and, if so, on what dates?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes; on the following dates: August 30th, closed for eight hours due to forest fire; November 4th, closed for one hour due to rock-slide at Alexandrian Bluffs; December 3rd, closed for three hours due to rock-slide at Hells Gate; December 21st to December 27th, closed seven days due to general snow-slides between Boston Bar and Yale, local traffic able to get through at intervals; January 4th to January 8th, 1956, closed for five days due to general snow-slides between Boston Bar and Yale, local traffic able to get through at intervals.
- “ 2. Yes; Highway No. 3 was closed to traffic between Hope and Princeton from Thursday, November 3rd, at 10 a.m., to Sunday, November 6th, at 10 a.m., due to wash-out at Nine Mile Hill.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many miles of Provincial highways are there now on Vancouver Island?
2. How many miles of Provincial highways are there now in British Columbia, exclusive of Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 2,193.86 miles.
“ 2. 19,102.74 miles.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. In the calendar year 1955, how much money was spent on Provincial highways and bridges on Vancouver Island?
2. How much money was spent on Provincial highways and bridges in British Columbia other than on Vancouver Island?
3. How many miles of Provincial highways were constructed and how many were reconstructed on Vancouver Island?
4. How many miles of Provincial highways were constructed and how many were reconstructed in British Columbia other than on Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Information not available for calendar year; Department records are based on fiscal year, April 1st to March 31st.
“ 2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. In view of the present high water-table in the Fraser Valley, what precautions have been made to prevent the recurrence of floods in that area?
2. In the event of a flood in that area, what organization and equipment are available for (a) rescue and (b) rehabilitation?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Not under the jurisdiction of this Department.
“ 2. (a) Civil Defence, Highway Department, and Municipal Works Departments, and (b) not under jurisdiction of Department of Highways.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Sergeant-Major *Walter Oakley*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Kitimat Incorporation Act, 1953.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to validate the City of Ladysmith By-law No. 315.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Education) presented the Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Was a person named Robert John Fraser convicted of an offence in a Court at Prince George in 1955 and, if so, (a) when was he first apprehended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or other police, (b) what was the date of his conviction, (c) what sentence did he receive, (d) at what gaol was he eventually imprisoned, and (e) on what date did he enter that gaol?

2. Was Robert John Fraser released before his sentence had fully expired and, if so, (a) on what date was he released, (b) on whose authority and under whose specific instructions was he released, (c) why was he released, (d) did the Attorney-General tell him why he was released, (e) what assistance, if any, did the Government give him to enable him to return to his home, and (f) did the Attorney-General express regret to Robert John Fraser that he may have been wrongly imprisoned?

3. Were allegations of misconduct made to the Attorney-General or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police against certain officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police about the apprehension, questioning, or conviction of Robert John Fraser at Prince George in 1955 and, if so, (a) who made these allegations, (b) on what date were these allegations made, (c) what was the nature of the allegations, and (d) what disposition did the Attorney-General and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police make of these allegations?

4. Has the Attorney-General received representations that Robert John Fraser has been wrongly convicted and, if so, (a) who made the representations, (b) on what date were these representations first made, and (c) what disposition was made of these representations?

5. Has the Government of British Columbia offered Robert John Fraser any compensation for any indignities or wrongful imprisonment he may have suffered?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes; (a) February 21st, 1955; (b) pleaded guilty through counsel on March 7th, 1955, before the County Court Judge, and was remanded to March 9th, 1955, for sentence; (c) one year hard labour with the addition of one whipping with four strokes of the paddle; on instructions from the Attorney-General’s Department, received by the Warden of Oakalla Prison Farm on July 25th, 1955, the whipping was deferred pending further investigation of this matter; (d) Oakalla Prison Farm; and (e) April 2nd, 1955.

“2. Yes; (a) August 11th, 1955; (b) Deputy Governor-General of Canada; (c) investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police disclosed Fraser not implicated in offence; (d) no; (e) transportation warrant given to Williams Lake; and (f) no.

“3. No; allegations made to Director of Remission Service Ottawa; (a) John Howard Society; (b) June 3rd, 1955; (c) that Fraser was ‘persuaded to confess to the crime committed on the night of February 8th, 1955’; and (d) that on July 7th, 1955, a letter was received by the Attorney-General’s Department from the Director of Remis-

sion Services enclosing the letter of the John Howard Society, dated June 3rd, 1955; as a consequence, on July 8th, 1955, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were instructed to institute an investigation into these allegations.

“ 4. Answered in No. 3; (a) *see* No. 3 (a); (b) *see* No. 3 (b); and (c) *see* No. 3 (d).

“ 5. No; the Government of British Columbia has received no representations either by Robert John Fraser or through his counsel.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Is any religious instruction given in our public schools and, if so, what is its scope and how frequently is it given?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ This question is answered in section 155 (1) of the ‘Public Schools Act,’ which reads as follows: ‘Subject to subsection (2) all public schools shall be free. They shall be opened by the reading, without explanation or comment, of a passage of scripture to be selected from readings prescribed or approved by the Council of Public Instruction. The reading of the passage of scripture shall be followed by the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer, but otherwise the schools shall be conducted on strictly secular and non-sectarian principles. The highest morality shall be inculcated but no religious dogma or creed shall be taught.’ ”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o’clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion appearing in the Votes and Proceedings in the name of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* was withdrawn:—

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* to ask leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act.’ ”

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act,’ ” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 7th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. F. Grobe*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Haven Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Mechanics, Wage-earners, and Others."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act, 1955.'"

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

During the debate, Mr. *Gregory* presented a copy of a letter written by him on September 19th, 1955, to the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Premier of British Columbia.

On the motion of Mr. *Reid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) presented the report by *Buttar* and *Chiene*, chartered accountants, Vancouver, B.C., upon the accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, as at December 31st, 1955.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Harding* was withdrawn:—

That the forest management licence agreement with the Celgar Development Company Limited and all correspondence pertaining thereto be tabled in this House.

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. At the end of the 1955 fall school term, how many schoolrooms in British Columbia were on double shift and how many one year previously?

2. How many teachers are teaching in (a) secondary schools without proper certification and (b) elementary schools without proper certification, and how many one year previously?

3. How many new teachers, including allowance for replacements, will be needed in the Provincial school system in 1956?

4. How many teachers-in-training are there in British Columbia at the present time?

5. How many teachers from the United Kingdom came to British Columbia to teach in 1955 and how many in 1954?

6. How many classrooms were built in 1955 and how many new classrooms is it estimated will be needed in 1956?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. December, 1955, 262 classrooms; December, 1954, 192 classrooms; February, 1956, 188 classrooms.

“ 2. (a) Teachers with less than full secondary qualification in secondary schools, 1955–56, 637, and 1954–55, 525; (b) teachers in elementary schools with temporary certification, 1955–56, 114, and 1954–55, 93.

“ 3. New teachers, 1,700 (estimated).

“ 4. Teachers-in-training, 1,038.

“ 5. In 1955, 75 teachers, and in 1954, 35 teachers.

“ 6. In 1955, 758 classrooms, and for 1956, 500 classrooms (estimated).”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 9th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Smith*.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Campbell Moxham," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Campbell Moxham," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act, 1955,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act, 1955,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on the 16th instant:—

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Licence Forfeiture and Cancellation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Labour Relations Act.’”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered*,—

This House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee, and to report its findings to the House.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Seventh Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 8th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the North West Life Assurance Company” has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Eighth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 8th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate Kamloops Exhibition Association" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Ninth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 8th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate Lansdowne Park Limited" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, adjourned to the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, the House reverted to "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Nimsick* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour and management organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear further representations and report its findings to this House.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

Gregory
Brown
Segur
Eddie

Squire
Gargrave
Howard
Giovando

Gibbs
Laing
Strachan
Harding

Nimsick
Moore
Webster
Turner

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Peterson</i>		

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Uphill**Chant*

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Were the borrowings of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company secured by serial debentures or sinking fund debentures?
2. Were the debentures issued as direct obligations of the company fully guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia or as direct obligations of the Province of British Columbia?
3. What was the amount of each borrowing?
4. What was the net cash proceeds of each borrowing?
5. What is the coupon rate of each borrowing?
6. What are the names of the syndicates or underwriters and their bids on each loan, indicating tender accepted?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Long-term borrowings by sinking fund bonds; short-term borrowings by notes.
- “ 2. Direct obligations of the company fully guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia.

“ 3, 4, 5, and 6. 1954: *See Budget Speech, 1955, page 14.* The proceeds were \$4,333,320. Five syndicates submitted tenders; these were:—

- (1) Equitable Securities Canada Limited (syndicate managers).
Pemberton Securities Limited.
The Western City Company Limited.
Imperial Bank of Canada.
Dominion Bank.
Greenshields & Company Incorporated.
Nesbitt Thomson & Company Limited.
Price offered, \$96.296 per \$100 (price accepted).
- (2) Royal Securities Corporation Limited (syndicate managers).
Anderson & Company Limited.
Collier, Norris & Quinlan Limited.
Dawson, Hannaford Limited.
J. L. Graham & Company Limited.
Harris & Partners Limited.
Thomas B. Read Company Limited.
James Richardson & Sons.
Price offered, \$95.76 per \$100.
- (3) A. E. Ames & Company Limited (syndicate managers).
Dominion Securities Corporation Limited.
Wood, Gundy & Company Limited.
The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

- The Royal Bank of Canada.
Price offered, \$95.69 per \$100.
- (4) Mills, Spence & Company Limited (syndicate managers).
McLeod, Young, Weir & Company Limited.
Bell, Gouinlock & Company Limited.
The Bank of Montreal.
Odlum Brown Investments Limited.
Price offered, \$95.42 per \$100.
- (5) R. A. Daly Company Limited (syndicate managers).
The Bank of Toronto.
The Bank of Nova Scotia.
Gairdner & Company Limited.
Bankers Bond Corporation Limited.
Bartlett, Cayley & Company Limited.
Fry & Company.
Matthews & Company Limited.
Midland Securities Corporation Limited.
W. C. Pitfield & Company Limited.
Burns Brothers & Denton.
Price offered, \$94.26 per \$100.

“ 1955: See Budget Speech, 1956, page 12. With reference to non-interest-bearing notes, proceeds received and tenders submitted were:—

Principal Amount.	Proceeds received.	Underwriters and Bids.			
\$1,000,000	\$990,602.20	Wood, Gundy & Company Limited.....	\$99.06022		
		Dominion Securities Corporation Limited.....	99.05961 for \$200,000		
			99.01172 for 800,000		
		A. E. Ames & Company Limited.....	99.01		
		Dawson, Hannaford Limited.....	99.001		
		McLeod, Young, Weir & Company Limited.....	98.982		
		Burns Brothers & Denton Limited.....	98.9110		
		Mills, Spence & Company Limited.....	98.889		
		Nesbitt Thomson & Company Limited.....	98.82		
		James Richardson & Sons.....	98.852		
		1,500,000	1,486,830.00	Wood, Gundy & Company Limited.....	99.122
				Dawson, Hannaford Limited.....	99.022
				Nesbitt Thomson & Company Limited.....	99.02132
Dominion Securities Corporation Limited.....	99				
A. E. Ames & Company Limited.....	98.997				
Equitable Securities of Canada Limited.....	98.97164				
James Richardson & Sons.....	98.946				
1,500,000	1,487,970.00			Wood, Gundy & Company Limited.....	99.198
				Nesbitt Thomson & Company Limited.....	99.15070
				Dawson, Hannaford Limited.....	99.099
				Dominion Securities Corporation Limited.....	99.093
				Burns Brothers & Denton Limited.....	99.08701
				A. E. Ames & Company Limited.....	99.08247
		Mills, Spence & Company Limited.....	99.071		
		McLeod, Young, Weir & Company Limited.....	99.069		
		Equitable Securities of Canada Limited.....	99.059		
		1,500,000	1,489,035.00	Wood, Gundy & Company Limited.....	99.269
				Dawson, Hannaford Limited.....	99.167
				Dominion Securities Corporation Limited.....	99.167
				A. E. Ames & Company Limited.....	99.167
Equitable Securities of Canada Limited.....	99.163				
Burns Brothers & Denton Limited.....	99.140 ”				

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. How much, if any, has been borrowed from the Provincial Treasury under the provisions of the "Housing Act"?
2. If any amounts have been borrowed and used, give the names of the municipalities involved, together with the individual amounts and dates.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Provincial share advanced to January 31st, 1956: Total, \$675,409.65.

"2. Municipalities involved:—

	Prince Rupert.	Trail.	Vancouver.	Kimberley.	Saanich.
Jan. 6th, 1953	\$50,517.81	\$8,583.39	\$76.16		
Feb. 18th, 1953	48,505.29	6,725.85	.75		
June 8th, 1953	25,400.63	3,977.70	5.48		
July 30th, 1953	13,509.06	71.29	648.16		
Oct. 30th, 1953	3,895.85	2,936.25	21,936.19		
Mar. 5th, 1954	3,138.36	2,569.10	153,685.24		
May 12th, 1954	13.32	207.64	95,027.94		
Apr. 20th, 1954			993.75		
Aug. 9th, 1954	1.77	25.08	105,219.29		
Oct. 29th, 1954	11,878.94	22.05	45,540.89	\$238.26	
Feb. 23rd, 1955	82.81	29.24	12,204.63	44.41	\$0.34
Apr. 25th, 195507	2,521.88	35,168.66	4,798.01	5.33
Oct. 26th, 1955		14.18	5,272.58	9,617.80	298.22
Provincial share advanced to Jan. 31st, 1956	\$156,943.91	\$27,683.65	\$475,779.72	\$14,698.48	\$303.89 "

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Provincial debt includes \$7,275,000 registered stock payable in London, England, and is redeemable any time after May 1st, 1957, upon giving three months' notice: What is the total amount resting in the sinking fund at this date which is to be applied in redeeming this stock?
2. Does the amount stated in answer to No. 1 consist of registered stock purchased at favourable rate of exchange?
3. If yes, what is the total amount of profit realized through benefit of exchange rate on purchases of registered stock?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Total registered stock held as at December 31st, 1955, (a) in specific sinking fund, \$3,427,223.64 par value (Canadian terms), and (b) in Consolidated Sinking Fund, \$3,433,931.25 par value (Canadian terms); total registered stock held, \$6,861,154.89 par value (Canadian terms).

"2. With respect to substantial portion thereof, yes.

"3. No realized profit until date of repayment."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Thursday, February 9th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion appearing in the Orders of the Day as No. 1, under "Introduction of Bills," in the name of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, was withdrawn:—

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* to ask leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act, 1955.'"

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council) presented the Milk Board Annual Report for the Year ended December 31st, 1955.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Tenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 10th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.